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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER PRESENTS SPECIAL IPOD TOUR AND THEATER SHOW *In conjunction with Baseball As America exhibit*

Philadelphia, PA – Visitors to the National Constitution Center will have the chance to learn more about baseball’s influence on America during a special iPod tour and theater show that enhance the exhibit experience.

Guests can purchase a special *Baseball As America* iPod audio tour, created by the National Constitution Center. Visitors will hear famed Phillies announcer Harry Kalas narrating stories about some of baseball’s brightest stars, as they learn about the effects baseball has had on American culture. The in-depth, 30 minute tour costs \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members. The tour was created with the generous assistance of the Drexel University School of Education. The National Constitution Center’s iPod audio tours are supported by the Kent Foundation.

In addition, weekend visitors to *Baseball As America* will have the opportunity to travel back in time for a glimpse at the baseball world of the 1930s. Captivating columnist Randy Dixon made the most of his typewriter as the key sports source for readers of *The Philadelphia Tribune* in the 1930s. Visitors will observe Dixon at work as he covers the Philadelphia Stars of the Negro National League. “Your man” Dixon was always there, headlining their heroic exploits both on and off the field. Randy Dixon will interact with visitors every half hour between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from February 16 through May 3.

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The role of Randy Dixon will be played by Steven Wright, a Philadelphia actor, director, and teacher. Wright has worked with The Walnut Street Theatre, The Arden Theatre, 1812 Productions, Azuka Theatre, and Bckseet Productions, among others. He currently teaches at Cabrini College, where he is co-directing a production of *Godspell*.

From February 15 through May 11, 2008, the National Constitution Center will host *Baseball As America*, the first major exhibition to examine the relationship between baseball and American culture. The 6,000-square-foot exhibition is organized by The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York, and marks the first time the treasures of the Hall of Fame have left their legendary home to tour the country. The national tour of *Baseball As America* is sponsored by Ernst & Young LLP. The exhibition is presented locally by Chevrolet. CBS 3 is the official media partner for the Center's showing of *Baseball As America* and the Philadelphia Phillies are a promotional partner for the exhibition.

Admission to *Baseball As America* is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$9 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. Admission to the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, including the award-winning theater production "Freedom Rising", is included. iPod audio tours are also available and cost \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.